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In re Patent Application of

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For: PHARMACEUTICAL OR DIETARY COMPOSITIONS BASED ON SHORT-CHAIN FATTY

ACIDS AND COMPLEX SUGARS, FOR INTESTINAL DISORDERS

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action of March 22, 2010, and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, that is claims 23-33, drawn to an oral pharmaceutical or dietary composition containing at least one short-chain fatty acid or salt, ester and/or amide thereof, in combination with a complex sugar and/or dietary fibre.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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